GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1422
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BORDER CLASHES WITH BANGLADESH
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that alarmed by intelligence reports of the Bangladesh army positioning itself at Phulbari in Dinajpur and Joypurhat near Rajsahi district, BSF in West Bengal has decided to reinforce its strength across all border outposts;

(b) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to deal with the situation and strengthen the borders on the Bangladesh;

(c) the number of incidents of border clashes in all sectors of the border with Bangladesh during the last one year;

(d) whether fresh intrusions was foiled by army on Bangladesh border on April 24, 2001; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a)&(b): Following unprovoked and unwarranted intrusion by the Bangladesh Rifles into Prydiwah, East Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya along the India-Bangladesh border in April 2001, the BSF has been instructed to remain in a position of high alert along the India - Bangladesh border. The field formations are being strengthened and properly equipped with better communication systems.

(c): According to available information, five incidents of border clashes have taken place on the India - Bangladesh border during the last one year.

(d)&(e): Since the Indian Army is not deployed on the India - Bangladesh border, the questions do not arise.